

Gasconade County SWCD

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Sign-up Periods for Federal and State Programs

The GCSWCD is taking sign-ups for the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), “*Stabilizing Streambank Erosion Issues Within the Bourbeuse Watershed in Gasconade County, MO*” and their Nutrient and Pest Management Cost-Share Program beginning January 13th.

The Nutrient and Pest Management Programs are funded through the District Cost-share Allocation. These programs are incentive programs to enable landowners to develop management plans that will protect our water resources and hopefully reduce wasteful spending. The contracts must be board approved between January 1 - April 15th and then the payments are not received until October 31st. The payments are based on acres. For nutrient management the payment is \$20.00 with a \$10,000 lifetime maximum and for pest management, which includes pesticide and herbicide, it is \$10.00 with a \$5,000 lifetime maximum. The board reserves the right to limit the acreage based on the number of applications that are received, in order to facilitate a fair distribution of funds. The application period for these programs ends on **February 29, 2012**.

The Federal program applications are accepted throughout the year, however, ranking periods are established for submitting proposals. (See page 6 for program overviews.) The ranking period deadlines for applying for the major conservation programs and initiatives that apply to Missouri are:

- January 13, 2012** - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- February 3, 2012** - Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
 - Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- February 3, March 30, and June 1, 2012 (Multiple ranking periods)**
 - On-Farm Energy Initiative
 - Organic Initiative
 - Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative
- February 10, 2012** - CCPI

If you are interested in signing up for any of these programs or would like more information, please stop by our office at 316 S. Olive Street for an application and talk with one of our staff.

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2012 Open House

March 6, 2012

11 a.m - 2 p.m.

USDA SERVICE CENTER

314 S. OLIVE STREET, OWENSVILLE

In lieu of an Annual Meeting, the Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District (GCSWCD), along with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) cordially invite all county landowners to attend our open house.

We will plan to present our county awards at 12:30 p.m. This will be a good opportunity for talking with Board Members and Staff about practices and different programs.

The GCSWCD will provide lunch for everyone that attends.

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SEE YOU THERE!



Staff Receives Special Recognition

On December 8, 2011, local staff members Resource Conservationist Mark Brandt, District Technician II Terry DuBois, and District Manager Diana Mayfield, were recognized by State Conservationist JR Flores with Certificates of Merit or Appreciation for their work on the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative - "Stabilizing Streambank Erosion Issues in Gasconade County, MO". In addition to local staff, Area Engineer Darrell Campbell was also recognized with a Certificate of Merit for his work on this project.

District Conservationist Melinda Barch also received a Certificate of Merit for her work for the Field Office Service Area (FOSA), which includes Gasconade, Maries, and Osage Counties.



Forage and Beef Conference

Monday, February 13, 2012

**Cuba, Missouri
Knights of Columbus
I-44 East – Hwy. UU Exit**

12:30 Registration

1:00 Stockpiling Fescue – Mark Kennedy, State Grassland Conservationist

1:45 Weed Management Considerations for Pastures and Hay Fields in Missouri
Dr. Kevin Bradley, MU Extension State Weed Science Specialist

2:30 BREAK

3:00 Electric Fencing – Ian Kurtz, Grassland Consultant

3:45 Producer Panel – Backgrounding
Frank Barnitz
Ted Cunningham

4:30 BREAK

5:00 Cattle to fit the Environment
David Hall, Ozark Hills Genetics owner

6:30 Dinner



RSVP by January 30, 2012 to the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732, ext. 3, or 573-364-6202, ext. 3.

****There is a \$10.00 per person charge for the conference – payable at the door.****

Sponsored by: Soil & Water Conservation Districts, University of Missouri Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service in Crawford, Phelps, Maries, Dent, and Gasconade Counties, Maries County Bank and Branches, Crawford County Farm Bureau, Dent County Farm Bureau, Gasconade County Farm Bureau, Maries County Farm Bureau, Phelps County Farm Bureau, Crawford County Cattlemen's Association, Bank of Salem, Peoples Bank in Cuba, Steelville, Sullivan and Bourbon, Bank of Sullivan's–Cuba Banking Center, First Community National Bank in Cuba, Steelville, Sullivan, Rolla, Vienna and Eureka, Mid-America Bank and Town and Country Bank in Rolla, St. James, Salem and Bourbon.

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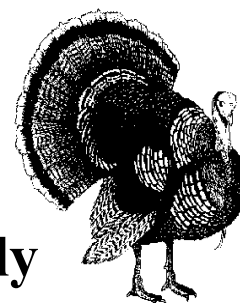


Day with Wildlife

**Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Event
Owensville Middle School**

February 11th, 2012

10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Activities For The Entire Family

Mt. Lion, Black Bear & Feral Hog Program @ 11:00 & 1:00

**Antler Scoring
Missouri Record Whitetail Deer
Mini-Sawmill
Quail Forever
National Wild Turkey Federation**

**Taxidermists
USDA Service Center
Runge Nature Center
Operation Game Thief Trailer
Fly Tying**

All Missouri Department of Conservation Divisions Represented

Lunch Served by: Gasconade County 4-H Shooting Sports

**Sponsored By:
Missouri Department of Conservation**

Open to the Public : Free Admission



Owensville Middle School is Located 1 Mile North of Owensville on Hwy 19

Livestock & Forage Seminar

January 25, February 1 & 8, 2012

Fatima Multipurpose Room

Meal at 6:00 p.m.—Program 6:30-9 p.m.

Session 1—January 25, 2012

Soil Health—Doug Peterson, NRCS

Session 2—February 1, 2012

Using High Tunnels in Missouri—Dr. James Quinn, University Extension

Cover Crops for Vegetable Production—Dr. James Quinn

Session 3—February 8, 2012

Advantages of Late Weaning Fall Calves—Dr. Justin Sexten, Univ. Ext.

Trichomoniasis Update and Regulations—Dr. Craig Payne, Univ. Ext.

RSVP by January 23, 2012, to Osage SWCD, 1315 E Main, Linn, MO 65051
573-897-3797. Ext. 101 or 800-811-4649

Registration Fee: \$25 per person, \$10 per student, \$10 per single session—(covers all 3 sessions)
or \$10 per single session—payable in advance.

Sponsors: Osage SWCD, Fatima Young Farmers, University Extension, and Natural Resources
Conservation Service,



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Sign up today for FSA/GCSWCD e-Alerts

In keeping with technological advancements, the USDA Service Center is taking sign ups for e-Alerts. This program will provide:

- ♦ Program information via text message and/or e-mail
 - ♦ Upcoming program sign-ups
 - ♦ Upcoming program deadlines
 - ♦ Disaster program information
- ♦ You can choose to receive either via text message, e-mail or both. An AD-2047 must be filed out to facilitate this activity.
- ♦ Postcard reminders will no longer be mailed by FSA.
- ♦ You can opt out of receiving the e-Alerts at any time.
- ♦ You can receive e-Alerts about changes made to the GCSWCD website

Please stop by our office and complete the AD-2047 to begin this service. You may also go to our website (www.swcd.mo.gov/gasconade) to receive this form electronically (E-Alert AD-2047).

Up Coming Grazing Schools

The Tri-County Grazing School will be held at the Owensville Lions Hall on May 10 - 11, 2012. This course meets the requirements for application for the State SWCD Intensive Grazing Management programs as well as gives ranking points for applying for EQIP programs.

The Tri-County School will cost \$75 for one or \$100 for 2 with one set of materials. This cost also covers the snacks and lunches provided each day. There will be classroom training as well as field visits.

Other local grazing schools that are being offered are:

Rolla - April 19-20

Wurdack - September 27-28

Advanced School - June 14-15

Maries AgNAPS - Sept 6-7, if needed

If you are interested in attending the Tri-County Grazing School, or another school, please call 573-437-3478 ext 3 to put your name on the registration list. When it is closer to the school dates, an agenda and registration form will be mailed to you.

Registration is not complete until the fees have been paid.



Program Overview

CCPI “Stabilizing Streambank Erosion Issues Within the Bourbeuse Watershed in Gasconade County, MO”: This is a five year program that Gasconade County has received a special allotment of EQIP money to address erosion issues within the stream corridor. The projects are selected through a competitive process based on Federal, State, and Local Concerns. The structures must follow NRCS Standards and Specifications. The NRCS engineers will survey and design the projects. There is funding available through NRCS EQIP, GCSWCD Cost-Share, and possibly the FSA CCRP.

We are currently in our third year! We have one project on the ground from our first year. (Check out our website to see pictures of the project.) We were able to fund two projects in the second year, and we hope to begin construction on them later this year. We are looking forward to implementing our third year project(s).

Environmental Quality Incentives Program: EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to install and implement structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land.

Conservation Stewardship Program: CSP provides many conservation benefits including improvement of water and soil quality, wildlife habitat enhancements, and adoption of conservation activities that address the effects of climate change. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, and non-industrial private forest land.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program: WHIP provides financial and technical assistance on private agricultural land, non-industrial private forest land, and Indian land to assist eligible producers establish and manage fish and wildlife habitat.

On-Farm Energy Initiative: NRCS and producers develop Agricultural Energy Management Plans (AgEMP) or farm energy audits that assess energy consumption on an operation. NRCS then uses audit data to develop energy conservation recommendations. Each AgEMP has a landscape component that assesses equipment and farming processes and a farm headquarters component that assesses power usage and efficiencies in livestock buildings, grain handling operations, and similar facilities to support the farm operation.

Organic Initiative: NRCS helps certified organic growers and producers working to achieve organic certification and install conservation practices for organic production. New for fiscal year 2012, applicants will be evaluated continuously during the ranking periods. Applications meeting or exceeding a threshold score may be approved for EQIP contract before the end of the ranking period. Applications rating below the threshold score will be deferred to the next period. A new threshold score will be established at the beginning of each ranking period. This new scoring process allows organic producers to implement conservation practices in a timelier manner.

Seasonal High Tunnel Pilot Initiative: NRCS helps producers plan and implement the steel-framed, polyethylene-covered structures that extend growing seasons in an environmentally safe manner. High tunnel benefits include better plant and soil quality, fewer nutrients and pesticides in the environment, and better air quality due to fewer vehicles being needed to transport crops.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.swcd.mo.gov/gasconade

TO VIEW PICTURES FROM OUR INFORMATION/EDUCATION AND PROJECT TOURS!

2012 GCSWCD Poster Contest

Open to all 2nd - 8th Grade Students
Living in Gasconade County or
Attending a Gasconade County School System

Due Date: March 9, 2012

Awards Presentation: March 23rd

For an informational packet and poster board

Please contact Diana at 573-437-3478 x 3

Extension News!!

Farmer's Tax Seminar – Mark your calendar for January 24th at 5:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau meeting room. This seminar will focus on the Farmer's Tax Guide that is published each year by the IRS. The seminar will cover how the federal tax laws apply to farming (including changes for 2011) and to figure your taxes and complete your farm tax return. The cost to attend is \$5 and payable that day. To register for the seminar, please contact the Gasconade county Extension Office at 573-437-2165

Diabetes Basics This program will introduce participants to healthy lifestyle habits for the prevention and management of Type 2 Diabetes. Those with diabetes, as well as caregivers, friends, and family members are welcome. The program will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 5:30 – 7:30pm in Room #4 of the Robert H. Lloyd Community Center and Municipal Building in Hermann, MO. This program is free to the public, but pre-registration is required. Class size is limited, please contact the Gasconade county Extension Office at 573-437-2165.

Vermiculture (Worm Composting) - on February 2, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Swiss Church Dining Hall on Highway 19 at Swiss, MO. Kitchen wastes, such as fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, tea bags, and eggshells, are a part of the solid waste stream. Most of this material is disposed of as garbage at transfer stations, landfills, and incinerators at a high economic and environmental cost to citizens. A positive alternative is to compost kitchen scraps using red worms to make a valuable compost for use as a soil amendment or as a starter mix for house plants or seedlings. There will be a charge of \$5.00 (payable the night of the class). Please call the Extension Office at 573-437-2165 to register for this event.

Master Gardener Class – There will be a Master Gardener class starting on February 28th and running for six weeks on Tuesdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Extension Center. The cost of the class is \$120 and includes the Master Gardener manual. Please contact the Extension Office at 573-437-2165 to register.

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Dates to Remember

February 7, 2012	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center - 7 p.m.
February 11, 2012	Day With Wildlife, Owensville Middle School 10 - 3
February 13, 2012	Forage and Beef Conference, Cuba - 12:30 p.m.
February 20, 2012	Washington's Birthday Holiday, Office Closed
March 6, 2012	GCSWCD/USDA Open House with Board Mtg , USDA Service Center 11 - 2
March 9, 2012	Soil to Spoon Posters Due
March 23, 2012	Poster Contest Awards Reception, Owensville Middle School 6:30 p.m.
April 3, 2012	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center - 7:30 p.m.
May 1, 2012	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center - 7:30 p.m.
May 10 - 11, 2012	Tri-County Grazing School, Owensville Lions Hall
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed
June 5, 2012	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center - 7:30 p.m.
June 15, 2012	ALL FY12 Cost-share practices must be completed.
June 30, 2012	Fiscal Year 12 Ends
July 3, 2012	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center - 7:30 p.m.
July 4, 2012	Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
August 7, 2012	Board Meeting, USDA Service Center - 7:30 p.m.

New Drill Charges

The Board of Supervisors voted to raise the drill rental rates to \$10 per acre with a 10 acre minimum and \$9 per acre when over 50 acres.

Board of Supervisors - effective 01/09/2012

Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.

Drill charge: Minimum charge of \$100.00 for less than 10 acres usage. An additional \$10.00 will be charged for each additional acre under 50 acres. There will be an \$9.00 per acre charge for 50 acres or more.

For Scheduling of equipment, please call the SWCD office at 573-437-3478 ext 3, unless other wise indicated.

- ◇ John Deere 10 ft no-till drill is located at James Miller, Second Creek Farms, 2828 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call 573-690-9065 or 314-609-7905 to schedule.
- ◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office.

Located at the SWCD Office:

- ◇ Rotowiper - \$25 a day
- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer, Disk) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece or \$50 for all three
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited